

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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<b>Application No.:</b>	10/567,536	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	1652
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<b>Inventor(s):</b>	Tim Hitchman, et. al.	<b>Confirmation No.:</b>	9324
<b>Title:</b>	Laccases, Nucleic Acids Encoding Them and Methods for Making and Using Them		
<b>Customer No.:</b>	29062		
<b>Docket No.:</b>	D2040-1N		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 20, 2009 ("the OA"), for which a response is initially due October 20, 2009. Applications submit herewith a Petition for a two month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the deadline for reply to December 20, 2009. Since December 20, 2009 fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith and Applicants, respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2, of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8, of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal;
- Request for Continued Examination;
- Petition for extension of time; and,
- Fee transmittal.